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Attorney General John Ashcroft

U.S. Department of Justice

950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

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Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

The antitrust suit against Microsoft has been an inconvenience to the technology field since its conception. The antitrust suit involving Microsoft has driven stock values down, driven software prices up, and driven public money to litigation - all at the expense to the consumer and the taxpayer. Microsoft has been a victim of a witch-hunt. Fortunately, the U.S. Justice Department has reached a settlement regarding the suit.

This settlement is planned to give the consumer more choices and provide Microsoft competitors with compensation for their alleged losses. The settlement instructs Microsoft not enter any contract that would require a third party to sell or promote a fixed percentage of Windows technology. Microsoft also cannot enter into contracts that prevent software developers from developing or promoting software that competes with Windows.

All action that is taking place at the federal level must be stopped. This suit has only been detrimental to our financial position. It has gone too far, and too long. Microsoft must be allowed to return to Washington State, and leave Washington, DC.

Sincerely,

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